



Gallatin County 4-H Newsletter

December 2006

Greytak Calendars

Greytak calendars are available for purchase at the Extension Office. These calendars make great gifts and are only \$10.00. All illustrations are suitable for framing. Stop by our office at 201 West Madison, Suite 300 in Belgrade. That is Building #2 of the Valley Professional Offices.

Montana 4-H Rec Lab 2007

Request for Workshop Proposals

Bozeman will be the location for the April 20-22, 2007 Montana 4-H Rec Lab. Rec Lab provides an opportunity for youth and adults to enhance their leadership, communication, and team building skills in an action packed and interactive setting. Rec Lab programming is designed to provide participants with tips and tricks for being a better club, camp and community leader. District 6 4-H Leaders and members are actively planning Rec Lab, and are looking for workshop proposals to fill out this exciting event. Please consider proposing a workshop for inclusion in this event. Workshops should focus on skills youth can learn and then replicate in their club, camp or community. Enhancement of leadership, communication, and team building skills of participants is encouraged, and any effort to support the overall theme is appreciated. Due to the nature of Rec Lab, and the audience, workshops should be interactive, encouraging participation from everyone. Please contact the 4-H office at 388-3213 for a workshop proposal form if you have any thoughts or ideas.

4-H Legislative Breakfast Planned

The Montanans for 4-H are again holding the 4-H Legislative Breakfast on Tuesday, January 16, 2007 from 6:30 to 7:30 a.m. at the Red Lion Colonial Inn in Helena. As is the past, Gallatin County will send a small delegation of 4-H members and leaders to host our area legislators during the breakfast. We will share a table with them and discuss 4-H in our county until the overall program begins. Often times, legislators will offer a tour after breakfast and will lead our group through the capitol. If you're interested in being a part of our delegation, please contact the 4-H office at 388-3213 and we'll put you on the list.



Unlimited Leaders Council Meeting

The Gallatin 4-H Unlimited Leaders Council will meet on the second Tuesday of the month at **6:30 p.m.** at Mackenzie River Pizza in Belgrade. Bring a couple dollars for your meal. Next meeting is **Tuesday, December 12th.**

\$\$\$ GRANT MONEY AVAILABLE \$\$\$

People Partner Grants: The purpose of this grant is to provide incentives and financial support to groups and individuals for programs that enhance the quality of living for people in their communities. Youth should be involved in determining, conducting, and evaluating the project. Project will make it possible for people to accomplish something educational and worthwhile that helps them reach a higher quality of life. Grants awarded up to \$500. Application deadline is February 1, 2007. Contact the Gallatin County Extension Office for an application.

Gallatin 4-H Foundations Grants: Your Gallatin 4-H Foundation has funds available for 4-H purposes in Gallatin County. Grants may be awarded for member/leader training, new project development, existing project improvement, new club start up, community service projects and much more. Applications are available in the Extension Office and quarterly deadlines are: December 31, March 31, June 30, and September 30.

Congratulations to:

Lilly Brogger: Lilly's steer, Moe, was overall grand champion in the Certified Hereford Beef and 2nd in the Hereford contest.

2006-2007 Nile Merit Heifer Recipients: **Anne Lambrecht, Nathaniel Powell-Palm, Austin Reyher, Karoline Rose.** The purpose of the Merit Heifer Program is to help youth get a start in the beef cattle business by awarding heifer calves to project participants chosen on the basis of merit, need, future goals and ability to care for the animal. Any youth ages 13-17, who is a 4-H or FFA member may enter.

For the second year in a row, **Valerie Kutsch** of Bozeman won the Junior Division of the Montana Farm Bureau Foundation Youth Speech Contest. Valerie's speech reflected the theme, Managing Rising Energy Costs on Today's Agricultural Operation. She began her speech by talking about the dread created these days by finding your energy bill in the mailbox.

New club to deliver canned goods

Even though they don't have a 4-H club name yet, they are out doing great things for the community. Members of this new club went around their local neighborhood collecting for the food bank. The wagon was overflowing with generous donations. Thanks for starting out your new club with such a great community service project.



Thank you Gallatin Valley Livestock 4-H Club

Through your generous donation of gallons of paint to the Gallatin County Fairgrounds, you have helped pay off some of the bill owed to the Fairgrounds. For each workshop held at the Fairgrounds, 4-H is charged a usage fee. Through donation of either goods or services, 4-H is able to reduce the amount owed. The donation from the Gallatin Valley Livestock 4-H Club was split between the sheep and swine project bills.

Tater Gems Community Service Project

The Manhattan Tater Gems have come up with a wonderful idea for a community service project. Their club is making a wreath for each resident of the Century Village Retirement Home in Manhattan. They will also be delivering a plate of cookies along with the decorated wreaths. Great idea Tater Gems.

Horse

Horse Committee Members: Shannon Brooks, 388-0886; Misty Radue, 388-6655; Amy Lewis, 580-6693; Barb Barber, 282-7030; Jeff Cooper, 388-1624; Edie Baker, 285-3657.

The next Horse Committee Meeting is Monday, December 11th at 6:30 pm at the Kountry Korner Café at Four Corners.

The Horse Committee will be wrapping gifts on December 16th & 17th at Corral West. If you would like to donate your time please contact either Amy or Misty.

Dec 10: Tack cleaning at Rod Cline's, Circle L Arena, 1:00 pm

C2M: No meeting this month. Watch your newsletter.

Happy Holidays!!!



Thank you once again to everyone who helped make the ornaments that will represent Montana in Washington D.C. They looked marvelous and very festive. It was great to see the different ideas everyone had. We hope to do this again next year.

**Gallatin 4-H Unlimited Leaders Council
November 14, 2006
MacKenzie River Pizza, Belgrade, MT**

CALL TO ORDER: 6:41 pm by President, Kathy Cheney.

ROLL CALL: Council members present were Chris Phipps, Kelley Phipps, Sandra Fiegi, Betsy Heckel, Kathy Cheney, Naomi Woienski, Todd Kesner, Shay Fiegi, and Leia Miller. Guests present were Ginny Francis, Scott Francis, Karin Ludeman, and Sonja Berg.

SECRETARY'S REPORTS: Shay moved, seconded by Kelley, that the minutes be approved as written. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE: None

TREASURER'S REPORT: Kelley moved, seconded by Naomi, that the Treasurer's Report be approved as written. Motion carried.

GUEST PRESENTATIONS:

- Horsemanship Camp: Sonja talked about the Horsemanship Camp and the need for scholarships. Todd encouraged that the kids use the scholarship forms. Scholarships will depend on the amount of scholarship requests received.
- Legislative Breakfast: Karin Ludeman from the Montanan's for 4-H presented information in regards to the Legislative Breakfast. The breakfast will be at the Red Lion Colonial Inn scheduled for January 16, 2007 at 6:30 am. The supper will be the night before at 6:30 pm. The breakfast will last for one hour. Tables seat 10 people and about 400 have attended in the past. Volunteers are needed from our county to contact the legislators, which Sandra volunteered to do. 4-H members are encouraged to attend. They may bring scrapbooks, pictures, and other small items to display. The deadline for knowing who will attend is either January 5 or 8, 2007. More information is in the process of being sent the County Extension Office.
- Bar J Wranglers: Scott and Ginny Francis presented the opportunity for Gallatin County 4-H to sponsor the Bar J Wranglers who are traveling singing cowboys. They combine great entertainment with western style music and humor. Gallatin County would have to pay their fee of \$7,500.00, the Wilson Auditorium fee of \$300.00, and auxiliary expenses. Estimated expense would be \$10,000.00 with the possibility of approximately \$5,000.00 - \$10,000.00 in profits for Gallatin County 4-H. We will need to get sponsor for this event. Much discussion took place and a committee of Ginny, Scott, Kathy, Sandra, Todd, and Kelley will meet at the Extension Office on Friday, November 17, 2006 at 9:30 am. Sandra moved, seconded by Shay that we sponsor the Bar J Wranglers. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE AND LEADER REPORTS:

- Montana 4-H Horse and Livestock Leaders Forum: This is open to adults and teens 14 years of age and older. This event will be held December 8-10, 2006, and the registration fee is \$50.00. The Fair Grounds is booked, and Holiday Inn will be housing the participants. There are many new options available this year in addition to just horses, and workshops are currently being planned. Please note the application deadline is November 15, 2006.
- Christmas Tree Globes: Betsy stated it was a great success and loads of fun. Shipping cost \$25.00 and countywide coverage was good. Talk of holding a workshop at Michaels was discussed.
- Montana 4-H Rec Lab: This is a three day instructional event for persons 14 years of age and older. This year Gallatin County will host the event on April 20-22, 2007. The registration fee is \$75.00 and includes lodging, meals, and registration. Gallatin County's responsibility would be registration, and to hold all monies received for this event. Betsy volunteered to be on a committee for this event. Sandra moved, seconded by Shay, that we hold all money received from this event. Motion carried.
- Planned 4-H Impact Study: Todd informed us that he will be conducting an Impact Study.
- Wildlife and Small Engine Project: The new projects leaders are Mike Cavy for the Wildlife project and Tandy Strictler for the Small Engine project. Leader orientation will be at the Extension Office on December 04, 2006 at 6:30 pm.

OLD BUSINESS:

- 2006-2007 Yearly Budget: Todd expressed that the yearly budget was correct and that he changed the October 2006 monthly budget to reflect the yearly budget. Kelley moved, seconded by Naomi that we approve the 2006-2007 Budget. Motion carried.
- Carnival Booth at Wild West Winter Fest: Naomi moved, seconded by Sandra, that 4-H host a carnival for one day. Motion defeated.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Request for Financial Assistance to Attend MT Horse & Livestock Forum: Shay moved, seconded by Kelley, that we use \$400.00 out of the MT 4-H Horse Leaders Forum line item and \$200.00 out of the State 4-H Livestock Leaders Forum line item, totaling \$600.00 to fund requested scholarships. Discussion included members and leaders to fill out a scholarship form along with leaders being given a full ride. Shay retracted his former motion. Shay moved, seconded by Sandra that we use \$400.00 out of the MT 4-H Horse Leaders Forum line item and \$200.00 out of the State 4-H Livestock Leaders Forum line item, totaling \$600.00 to fund requested scholarships. Leaders will receive a full scholarship and members will receive up to \$40.00, determined by leftover funds divided by requests. Motion carried.
- Election of Unlimited Representative to serve on Gallatin 4-H Foundation Board: This will be table until the December 2006 meeting.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

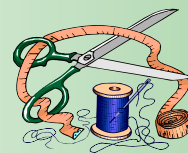
- November 15, 2006 ~ Horse Forum Planning Committee
- December 11, 2006 ~ Horse Committee Meeting
- December 12, 2006 ~ Gallatin 4-H Unlimited Leaders Council Meeting
- December 31, 2006 ~ Gallatin 4-H Grant Application Deadline
- January 25, 2007 ~ Gallatin 4-H Foundation Winter Meeting

ADJOURNED: Naomi moved, seconded by Sandra, that we adjourn at 8:46 pm. Motion carried.

Secretary: Leah Miller/klp

Clothing & Textiles

December 1, 5:30 - 8:30 pm & December 12, 5:30 - 8:30 pm
Valley Bank (Main Branch) in Belgrade, 98 N Broadway--basement



We will be starting to work on your choice of garment. Beginner sewing members need to limit themselves to either elastic-waist shorts, skirt or pajama bottoms using a medium-weight cotton or cotton/polyester woven, non-stretch fabric (flannel is okay). Other skill level members should pick a garment with at least one technique you have not done in the past. Please bring: sewing machine, appropriate machine accessories (foot control, power cord, bobbins, extra machine needles, etc), extension cord, the appropriate amount of fabric (prewashed), pattern, notions listed on the pattern (thread, elastic, interfacing, etc) and sewing tools [paper scissors, fabric scissors, fabric marking tool, tape measure, seam gauge, straight pins (preferably with heads) and seam ripper]. For any help picking your garment project or any questions, please call Janell Barber at 388-3091.

Crochet, Embroidery, and Knitting Project



We had an incredible turnout for our first meeting! I presented several examples of what types of things you can make in your project and some of the tools you will need. We discussed a permanent monthly date for our project. We have settled on the second Thursday of every month at 6:30 pm. (location in Belgrade to be determined). If anyone needs help with transportation, please let me know! I just might be able to help! Our December meeting will be at JoAnn Fabrics on **Thursday, December 14, 2006 at 6:30 pm**. We will be looking at yarns, tools, and supplies you will need for your project.

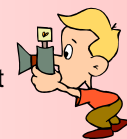
Due to my very busy schedule, I will be doing most of our communications by email, so please get your email addresses to me if you have one. In addition, please watch the newsletter for updates. Please call Kelley at 406-599-1454 or email me at cksrabbity@bresnan.net if you have any questions.

Livestock Judging



Make sure you get signed up so you will be included in the workshop list for Judging. Springtime is coming soon so watch for upcoming judging. It isn't too late to sign up.

Photography



We will be taking night pictures!! Christmas lights, stars, flash at night, whatever you want to learn about night photography! (In a short course) We will meet from 6-7 pm, December 11, at Wells Fargo Bank, Bozeman, parking lot. Bring lots of color film, or digital, and a tripod if you have one! Call Kathy if questions 388-3159. Hope to see you there!!

Poultry



Rockin' Rooster Club meeting at 6 pm, Dec 4, Valley Bank of Belgrade. We will be electing officers. Poultry project workshop will start at 7 pm, Dec 4 at the Valley Bank of Belgrade--Intro, contract.

Quilting



Quilting--Saturday, Dec. 9, 10AM to whenever, Basement of Valley Bank of Belgrade. Work on gifts, table runners or other project. Remember snacks!!

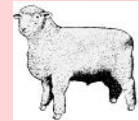
Rabbit

There will be no formal meeting for the rabbit project this month. Take this opportunity to learn something on your own.



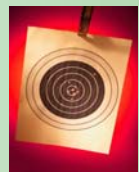
Sheep

It isn't too early to start thinking about your lamb project. For those of you that would like to do a market project, take a look at the sheep project. It is one of the only large animal project in which you really only have your animal for about 100 days. It costs around \$60.00 to finish one lamb. We have several breeders in the valley that you can purchase your lamb from for around \$100.00. So this is a project that you can keep affordable if you choose. Also you need only three workshops. Our workshops will start up in February. Hopefully we will have two that month, one to welcome everyone to the new year and get contracts handed out and the second will be at Dr Bruce's. He will be going over the health of a lamb, and showing the parts. Have a merry Christmas and we are looking forward to another great year,



Shooting Sports

The shooting sports workshops will be held Sunday evenings at Yellowstone Gateway Sports. There are three sessions to choose from: 5:00-6:00, 6:00-7:00, or 7:00-8:00; except December 24th. We are still deciding about December 31st. Air rifle, air pistol, and archery will be offered at these sessions. Yellowstone Gateway Sports closes at 5:00 p.m. on Sundays. After 5:00 pm, enter the building from the southeast corner. The BB gun program will be dropped from 4-H at this time and will be sponsored by the Jaycees. It will start in January. The requirement that 1st year shooters in the air rifle program participate in the BB gun program has been suspended. The air rifle, air pistol, or archery postal match will begin December 3rd. If you have not signed up and wish to participate, please call Bill Ott at 209-2599 as soon as possible. 3D archery will begin January.



The Gallatin County 4-H Smallbore Project will begin on Monday December 11, 2006. There will be a quick informational meeting at 5:00 P.M. and shooting will begin shortly afterward. The shooting will take place at Greenway Range from 5:00 – 6:30 on Monday nights. The dates for the project are 12/11/06, 12/18/06, 1/08/07, 1/15/07, 1/22/07, 1/29/07, 2/5/07, 2/12/07, 2/19/07, and 2/26/07. To be eligible, the person must be enrolled in 4-H, be 10 years old, and have been enrolled in air rifle or bb gun. If there are questions, please contact Scott Francis, 284-6843 or Tom Everett, 388-9076.

The smallbore project has been fortunate again to have received a grant from the NRA Foundation. This money will allow us to again have this program. A big thank you goes out to the NRA and their continued support.

Wildlife

I am excited to inform you that the 4-H Wildlife Project will be offered this year under the guidance of Dr. Mike Cavey, retired State 4-H specialist, who is volunteering as a leader in Gallatin County. Mike was instrumental in the establishment of the wildlife project in Montana and has a wealth of background and experience in the outdoors. An orientation session has been set up for Monday, December 4 from 6:30 to 7:30 pm at the Gallatin County MSU Extension Office (4-H Office) in Belgrade. All interested youth are welcome attend including those of you who have not enrolled in Wildlife. Please RSVP by calling the 4-H office at 388-3213 by December 2nd and let us know you're coming. Your phone call will help us greatly in preparation for the meeting.



Woodworking

The first workshop for woodworking is scheduled for the second Saturday in January (January 13th). The workshop will be held from 1:00 to 3:00 at Rocky Mountain Furniture Shop. They are located across from Murdoch's, behind the strip mall. This workshop will cover orientation of the project, safety, deciding on a what to make, and cutting wood. Bring a pencil and tape measure. Workshops will be held on the First Saturday of the month, after the January meeting.



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Button Contest Coming Soon
**Will your button be the next
Fair button that thousands of
people will wear?**

FAIRGROUND NEWS — DESIGN A BUTTON CONTEST

Design the fair button for this years fair and win \$100. The theme for the July 2007 fair is **"Summer Days & Country Ways"**. The design must be circular, 2.25" in diameter and contain the following phrases: Gallatin County Fair; "Summer Days & Country Ways"; July 18-22, 2007. Submit entries in color (maximum use of 4 colors) black & white are colors too.

Include your name, address and phone # on the back of your button entry. Participants will receive a free fair button just for entering. You may enter numerous designs but will receive only 1 free fair button. The deadline to have your design into the Fair Office at 901 North Black is January 8th. Flyers with complete rules of the contest available at the Fairgrounds or call the 582-3270 with your questions.

Sky Federal Credit Union Offering Special 4-H/FFA Project Loans

Sky Federal Credit Union, with offices in Gallatin and Park Counties, is offering 4-H members low interest loans (3.50 %) to fund the purchase of animals or materials for their 4-H project. Sky Federal Credit Union recognizes the financial burden for 4-H project incurred by the young people in the communities they serve. They also recognize the importance of financial education and the establishment of a credit history. The loans can extend up to 10 months and require a single payoff at the end of the term. There will be no processing fee or loan origination fee and the interest would amount to about \$33 on a \$1,200 loan at the end of 10 months. If you are anticipating financial difficulty in purchasing and feeding your 4-H market animal or with any other 4-H project, this loan program could certainly benefit you. If interested, please contact the Gallatin County MSU Extension Office at 388-3213.

